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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

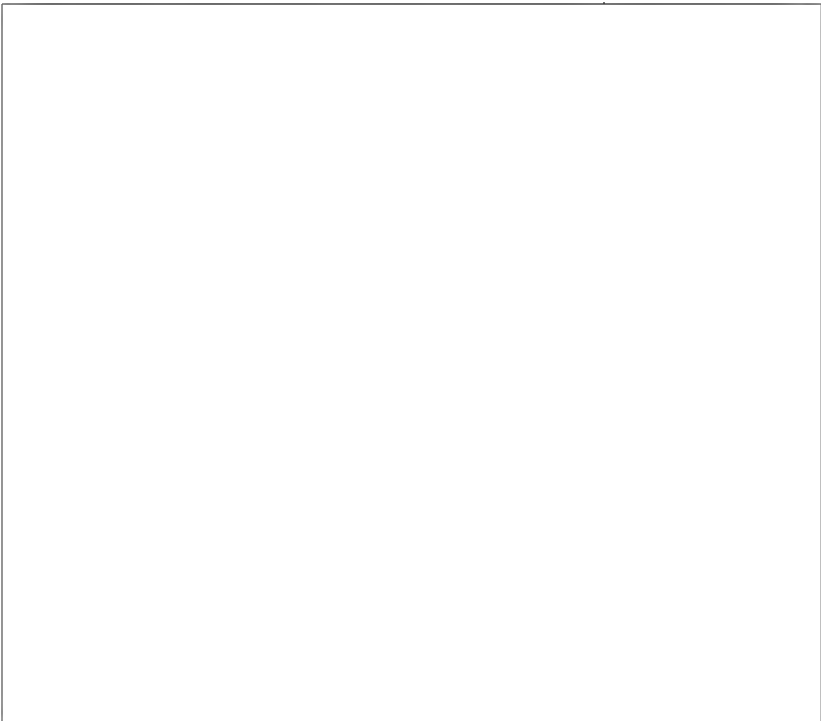
Militant Buddhist Tri Quang personally led his followers in a march in Saigon today. The march, announced earlier in the week as a protest against the government's approval of the moderate Buddhist charter, had police sanction and apparently was peaceful.



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The signs are that the student protest movement against the elections is beginning to lose steam.

2. Singapore



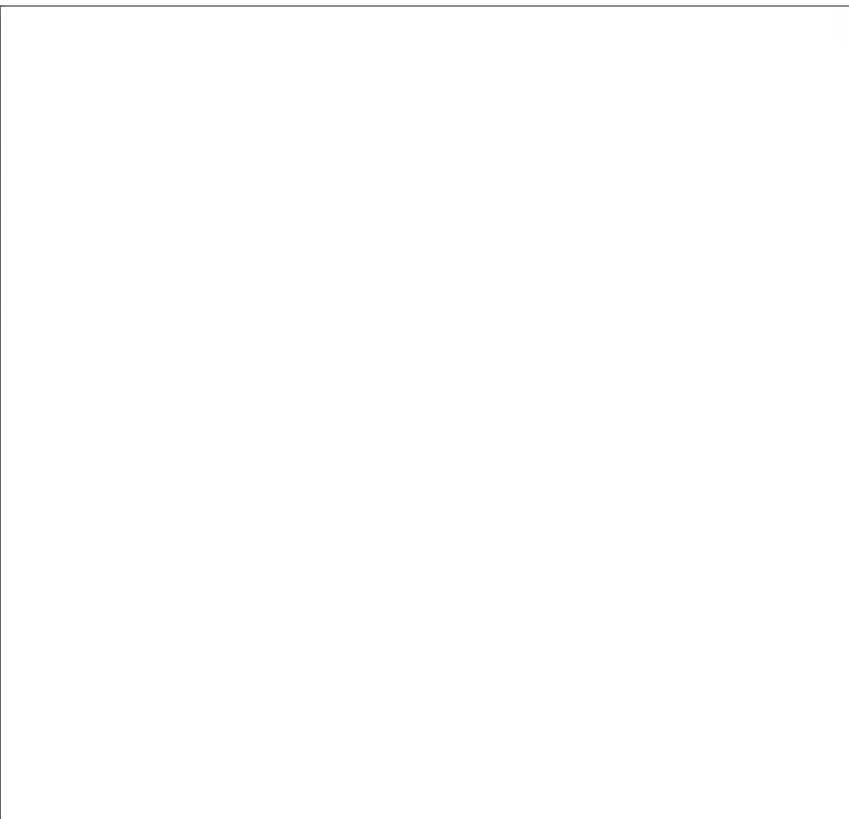
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3. Soviet Union

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Moscow has publicized the outlines of a 1968 budget that offers both guns and butter. It is designed to boost domestic morale as Russians celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution and it is also intended to lend substance to Soviet international commitments.

The defense and space budget apparently will go up about the same as it did last year—roughly eight percent. For the consumer, there will be a jump in minimum wages and some reductions in income tax.

Soviet budgets are in some respects like icebergs with a great deal below the surface. Actual allocations for both defense and consumer goods are not announced and this precludes immediate judgment on whether major policy changes are involved. The picture may get more clear when the budget is presented to the Supreme Soviet next month.

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5. Egypt

We do not think either the Israelis or the Egyptians plan large-scale attacks across the Suez Canal, despite yesterday's heavy exchange of gunfire. As always, it is hard to tell who started the shooting.

6. Yemen

Withdrawal of Egyptian forces seems to be going forward as planned. Advance parties and equipment are being shipped out

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7. Nigeria

At the moment, Biafra is losing the war. Federal artillery is shelling the Biafran capital and Biafran forces have been pushed out of most of Mid-West state.

8. West Berlin

The resignation of Mayor Albertz is not likely to have much effect on life in the city nor on the allied position there. Political factionalism and personal rivalries will continue, however, providing grist for East Germany's propaganda mill.

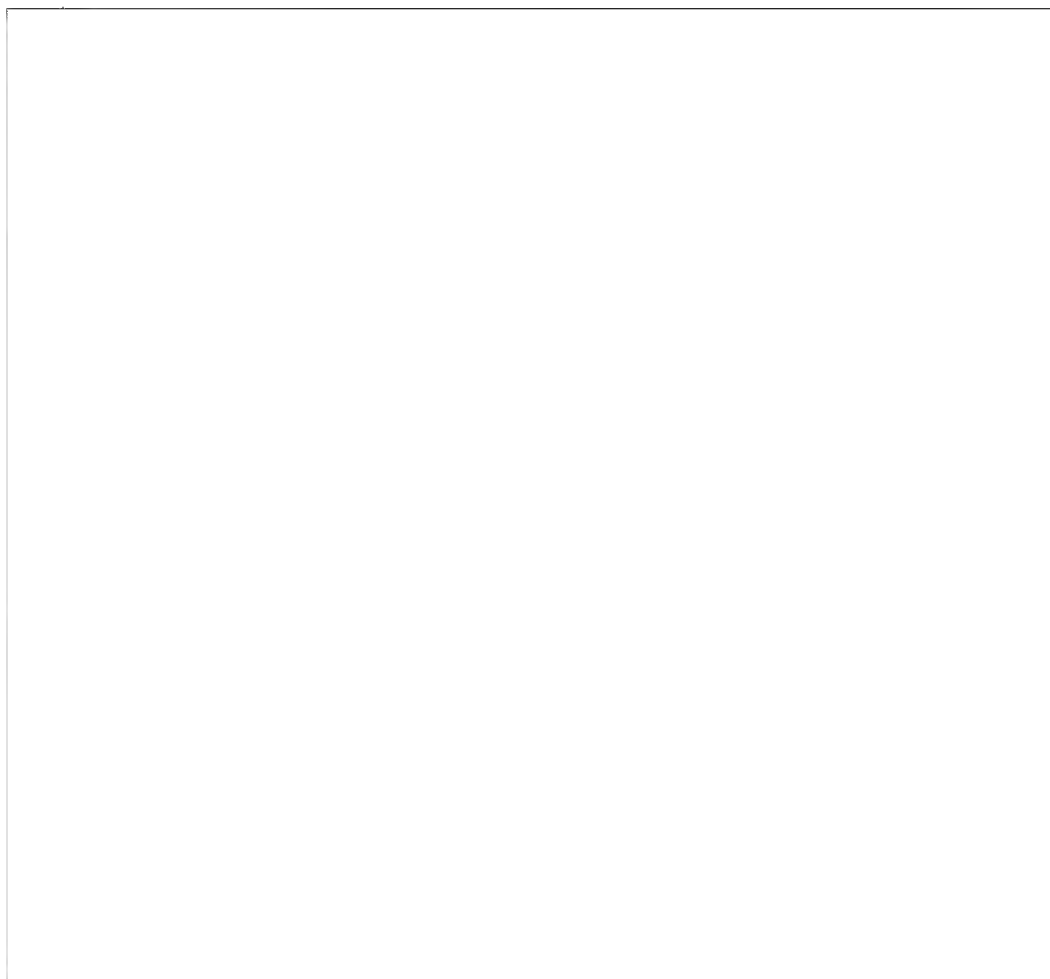
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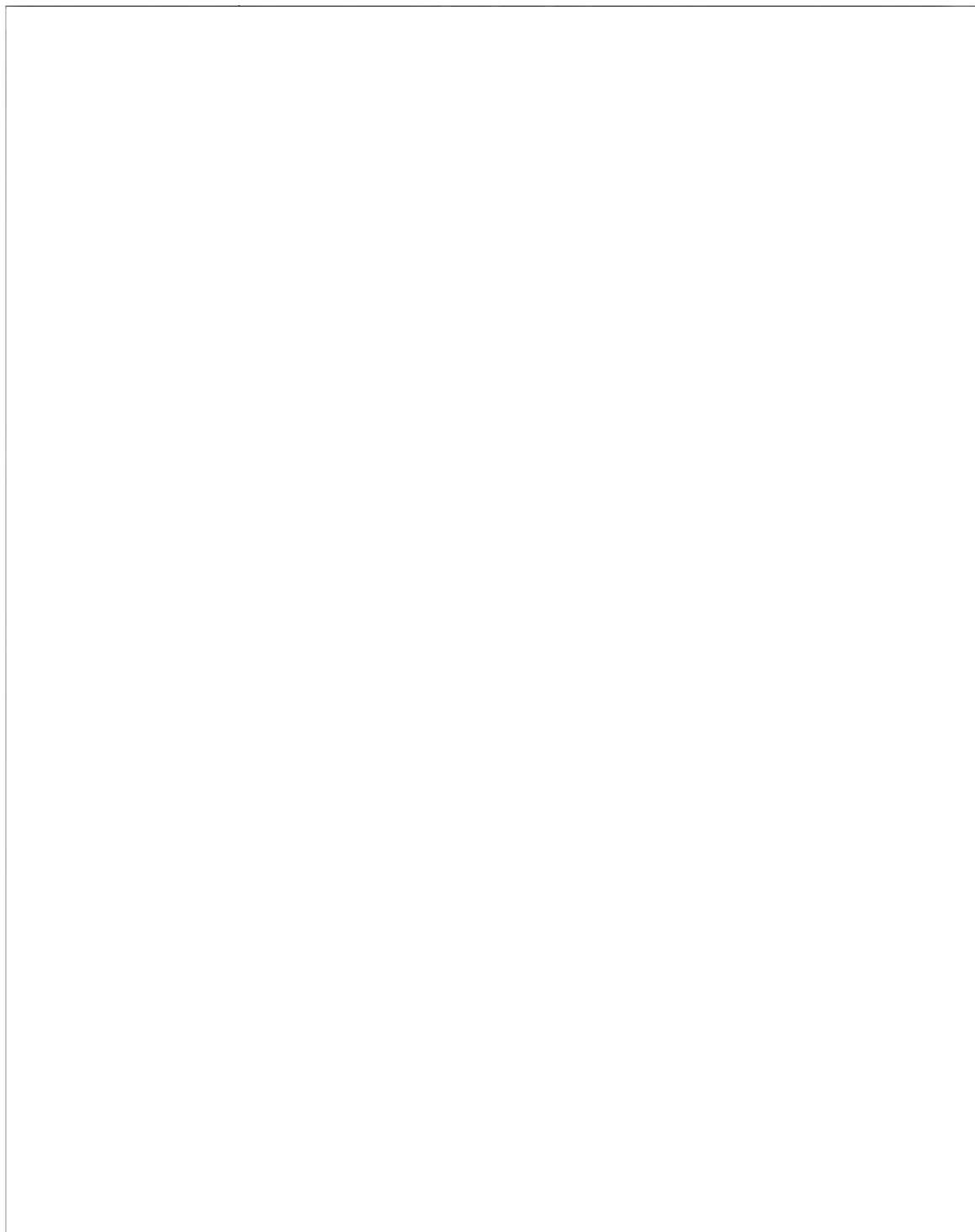
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Hanoi's Industrial Mission to Paris: A ten-man North Vietnamese industrial and technological mission is scheduled to arrive in Paris next weekend. It is to find out what French industry can contribute to Hanoi's postwar reconstruction program.

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